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Cover Photo

At the commissioning of 64 full-time Methodist missionaries in Cincinnati last month, Bishop Richard C. Raines extended his congratulations to Thelma Bellinger, former I-3 now returning to India permanently. Her mother and teen age-sister, Mary, looked on, almost as happy and thrilled as Thelma. For the full story, see pages 7 and 8.

Re: Crusade Scholars

Because Week of Dedication will be climaxed Feb. 27 with dedication of both self and gifts by Methodists, and the first $100,000 of the gifts will go into Crusade scholarships for students from other lands, you will find a simple but appealing comment in the next column.

It was written by Ernest Walter Massey, 28, of India who studied advanced agricultural courses at Cornell University for two years under a Crusade scholarship.

The son of a Methodist minister, Mr. Massey hopes to do work for the church in rural areas of India after completing his government service with the Indian Department of Agriculture.

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How do you sleep?

When I left Bombay for America in 1952, I was awed by the big buildings of the city and remember I kept looking at them as our ship left the harbor.

When I returned, I wasn't so impressed—I had seen New York, Chicago and London by now. Instead, I looked along the streets and down at the pavement, where many of the poor were begging.

The first night after my return I went walking in Bombay. A sight caught my eye — an emaciated boy of ten asleep on the pavement, his head on a brick. Street cars passed him. Feeling compassion and a sense of responsibility, I stood for half an hour beside the boy, wondering how many other little boys sleep on the streets and beside the roads, unnoticed.

I recalled a question-and-answer period after a talk I made at a Newark, N. J., church, in which a boy asked me, "How do people sleep in India?"

Thinking the question a queer one, I answered, "Why, just as people do in America—they go to bed, close their eyes and sleep."

Now I realize how many people do not just go to bed, but sleep on the hard pavements in cities or in other lonely and forgotten places.

I was asked to speak at my father's church (in Allahabad) about my impressions of America. I was surprised our people didn't realize how much their fellow Christians in America are concerned about Indian churches. Political differences have created ideas among a number of our Christians that Americans are doing good for selfish motives. I told them there is genuine love among American Christians for our churches. I said Americans are making sacrifices for us—more than we as Indians do for our neighbors.

Americans are working hard for a high standard of living, I said, and we should take a lesson from them. Self-help is a most honorable way of bettering our living conditions.

I hear lots of bad propaganda against the Indian church. Nobody knows when our faith and even our lives may be put to the test. As Christians, we are ready for the day when the Lord wants us to stand for Him.

NEWS

Food packages total 650,000

During the month of January more than 650,000 needy persons or families in Europe and Latin America received food parcels with the help of World Council of Churches' field offices.

The packages, consisting of such items as cheese, beans, oil, butter, beef and gravy, rice and white flour, were Christmas gifts from the people in America, sent through their government and church representatives. Church World Service in New York was the shipper.

CWS-WCC parcels went to 126,000 persons and families in need in Germany, 37,000 in Austria, 316,000 in Greece, 120,000 in Yugoslavia, 2,500 in Turkey, 1,000 in Paraguay, 2,000 in Brazil, 1,000 in Chile and 1,500 in Venezuela.

Of added interest was the tribute CWS-WCC representatives paid to the Church of Greece for its highly efficient organization to receive and distribute the packages. The Greek church hired a retired admiral to take charge, which resulted in distribution in about ten days throughout the country and islands. None of the Christmas parcels went to institutions, but all were given to individuals and families.

Tithe a little-- tithe a lot

A Lake Charles (La.) Baptist church had a special interest in the outcome of the World Series last fall because one of its members is Alvin Dark, shortstop for the New York Giants, who is a long-time tither.

When he received more than $10,000 as his World Series bonus, a check for one-tenth of the amount was sent to his home church.

"I used to tithe what I made on my paper route," said Al, "so why shouldn't I tithe what I made in the World Series?"

If you've been wondering what has become of CONCERN'S sports column, you'll be glad to know we have both the column and a special sports story for the Mar. 4 issue.

. . . 126,000 parcels in Germany (see story in first column) . . .

Work camp sharing may be continued

Want to share what you can spare, and maybe a little more?

Funds are being received by National Conference of Methodist Youth for final settlement of over-all costs of the Philippines work camp sponsored by NCMY in recent months.

The work camp, in which six young persons from the United States and 20 native Filipinos participated, has been financed by voluntary contributions and a proportionate share of the NCMY budget for projects.

If you'd like to see NCMY finish well what was valiantly undertaken and proved to be a project of real worth, you can help by sending your offering to Philippines Work Camp, National Conference of Methodist Youth, Box 871, Nashville 2.

Who speaks for youth? Bishop Lord asks

In an address at the southeastern quadrennial convocation of The Methodist Church early this month, Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston, Mass., spoke to adults about youth, in terms of youth's ideas about the church.

In part he said:

"The church has a rendezvous with youth. Youth seeks and welcomes adult cooperation in fulfilling its objective, 'To discover the will of God and to live by it.'

"Christian youth welcomes and accepts the methods and findings of modern science. It is embarrassed when the church rejects or condemns scientific truth. Science is the handmaiden of religion. Youth believes that science is part of God's revealed truth, and when invested with spiritual meaning and value can help to lead our world from dilemma to decision.

"Youth is often driven from the church by double talk and evasion in the pulpit regarding issues that religion must squarely face. We cannot perpetuate religious taboos and hold our youth. The church must cease to offer a religion that bolsters infantile and magical forms of thinking and praying. Youth is confused that so many adults in the church have remained in the primer stage of religion and yet have matured in other areas.

"Christian youth recognizes the brotherhood of man as a corollary of the fatherhood of God, and is willing to accept any person on the basis of his individual worth. It believes that it can create brotherhood on this earth and act with less bias and prejudice than its elders. If we become impatient with youth's haste in this matter, let us remember that it will slow down all too soon. We must capitalize on this zeal even though at times it appears excessive and becomes a source of embarrassment.

"Christian youth believes that it possesses the power to rebuke social ills and to clean up communities. It can meet evil with conviction and can create the conditions under which and in which the gospel can take root and transform lives. It is impatient with pretensions and pretexts.

"The church must learn and act upon the knowledge that Christian youth is both a field to be cultivated and a force to be appropriated. If the church neglects its youth, it neglects a great potential for good.

"The gospel of our Lord has a greater chance for expression among our youth than among any other segment of our church population. In too many churches, youth has been disenfranchised. Youth must be given positions of real responsibility in our churches and allowed to make mistakes if need be.

"We need the splendor and daring of our Christian youth. It is far better for the church to be embarrassed by the daring and zeal of its youth than that youth should be embarrassed by the caution and hesitancy of the church."

WORTH SPECIAL MENTION:

Long before the beginning of the Lenten season, young Methodists and their adult leaders had ordered 75,000 copies of the book, *I Belong*, by Dr. Hoover Rupert.

The book is for special use in the Lenten Reading Project of the Youth Emphasis, and deals particularly with church membership for young people.

You still may order, on consignment if you like, from the Methodist Publishing House nearest you. The books are 30 cents each for 10 or more copies.

11 denied entry to Texas college

A federal district judge ruled in Texas last month that Kilgore (Texas) Junior College may continue to deny entrance to 11 Negro high school graduates qualified to attend that institution until the U. S. Supreme Court enters its final decree in the school segregation cases.

After hearing testimony and arguments, U. S. District Judge Joe W. Sheehy said he had no doubt that the applicants were fully qualified for admission and had been denied solely because of race.

He retained jurisdiction of the case until after the Supreme Court's final decree.

UMT!

The office crew of the National Conference of Methodist Youth is losing no time in the emergency project of voicing opposition to current Congressional proposals that would make compulsory peace-time military training a vital part of every young American's life.

(We know—half of you are girls. But having the other half of the population subject to military training and philosophy affects YOUR lives, too—personally, financially (taxes and bonds, too), socially, attitudes and opportunities and limitations. So pay attention.)

NCMY action

Richard Thompson, president of NCMY, and LeRoy King, the tall projects secretary, are busy with telegrams, telephone calls, letters, discussions and plans to testify at Congressional hearings in Washington when and if an appointment is granted to them.

So far, congressmen seem to be intent on conducting the hearings with as little public participation as possible, but "Prexy" Thompson and "Shorty" King (6' 8", for the benefit of new readers) have made proper application and are preparing a statement of Christian youth's opposition to universal military training. Your representatives may have gone to Washington by the time you read this.

Copies of the Jan. 21 and Feb. 4 issues of CONCERN, each of which contained several pages of information on UMT, have been sent to each bishop of The Methodist Church, with letters calling their attention to the NCMY action on UMT and its harmony with the Crusade for World Order. Copies of this issue also are being sent to the bishops.

Free reprints of material on UMT!—from CONCERN pages—are now available from CONCERN (see back cover) and are being sent to all members of the National Conference: conference MYF presidents, state MSM presidents, youth representatives on boards and agencies of The Methodist Church, youth and student staff members of the Board of Education; and to other key persons.

Copies of administration proposals for reserve training plans also have been obtained and distributed by the NCMY office staff. Files of material on compulsory military conscription—selective service in peacetime—draft law — UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING in all its forms and by all its names are mushrooming in the NCMY office.

Meanwhile, MYF and MSM members across the country are taking part in classroom presentations, Sunday evening sessions, and numerous unscheduled discussions on the subject of universal military training (regardless of what it is called by its supporters). Letters to CONCERN (see Forum, page 15), requests for extra copies of previous issues with UMT articles, inquiries about other material— all add up to one thing: you're paying attention—you're trying to arrive at your own answers — you're interested in registering your opinions.

That's fine.

For your use, if words don't come easily, we're reprinting the letter drawn up by the North Alabama Conference MYF—you can address it to your own Congressman and Senator.

You also should write to:

The Hon. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee

and

The Hon. Richard Russell, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee

and

The Hon. Overton Brooks, U. S. House of Representatives (he submitted the bill for the new reserve plan, and is a member of the House Armed Services Committee).

Incidentally, the North Alabama MYF sent its letter to many congressmen. If you have *Register Christian*

Opinion, (Cues, Feb. 4 CONCERN), you can decide just which ones you want to write to.

Here's the North Alabama letter, offered to CONCERN for your benefit in case this is what you'd like to say:

Dear Senator . . . (fill in name):

We, the undersigned Methodist Youth, wish to urge our Congressmen not to ratify a program of Universal Military Training.

We do not believe that minds and hands which have been regimented to techniques of war can adequately build for peace.

We realize that many people feel that a program of UMT would relieve the anxieties of an uncertain future which exists under the present form of conscription. We fear, however, that a program of UMT would, in a few short years, give us a generation of military-minded citizens.

We are not opposed to a system of armed reserves, as such. That is, we do not advocate a complete surrender of arms overnight while our world hangs in such unstable balance between several opposing ideologies.

We are opposed, however, to any action on our part which would increase world tension. This we believe UMT would do.

We are opposed to the tremendous drain on our nation's financial, material and human resources which UMT would necessitate.

We would remind you of these words from President Eisenhower's address to the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches:

"The cause of peace needs God . . . the responsibility for peace or conflict rests, in some degree, with each of us . . . Give us criticism in the light of . . . religious ideals (and) kindle anew in us a desire to strive for moral greatness and show us where we fall short."

We as Christian youth and as citizens of the United States are eager to accept our responsibility in the work for world peace as long as that work is based upon the principles of our faith—brotherhood and Christian love!

Respectfully yours,
(Signatures)

UMT!

Opposition to UMT was expressed last week by the United Christian Youth Movement of the National Council of Churches (Methodist youth are part of this), in a letter addressed to all members of Congress.

UCYM says Universal Military Training is "neither a democratic nor a Christian answer to the problems confronting our nation."

The conclusion of UCYM Council's resolution on UMT reads as follows:

"Be it resolved that our government substitute positive action for world peace for the present proposals for military training and that these actions should include increased participation in the student exchange program; technical assistance to underdeveloped and needy areas of our world; distribution of our government surpluses to those areas that are in need of them; and financial and personnel support to the United Nations specialized agencies."

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Extra notes, from varied sources:

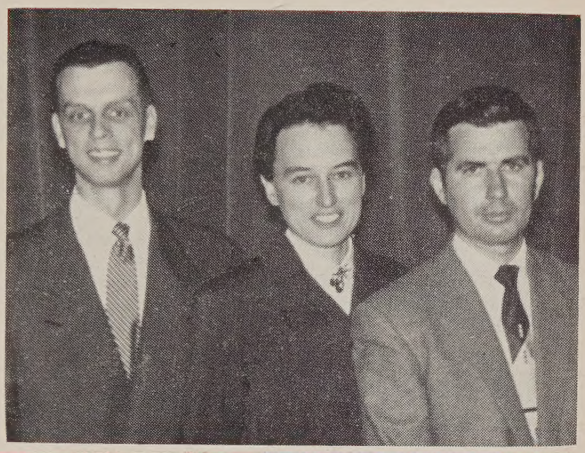
"Military might is a temptation to the wrong kind of foreign policy—one that seeks to 'get its money's worth' out of an existing military machine . . ."

"To let the draft drag on into its fourteenth year simply demoralizes youth, promotes delinquency and mental breakdown (ask any psychiatrist), and creates further distaste for the military forces."

"The future welfare of our great nation and the strength of our democratic way of life is dependent upon our young people with convictions nurtured in Christian homes, schools and churches. For this, military training is no substitute."

And from George Washington: "*Avoid the necessity of those overgrown military establishments which, under any form of government, are inauspicious to liberty.*"

This is their witness . . .



Robert Shrider was "always" in MYF in Columbus, Ohio, and in Wesley Foundation at Ohio State University. Now—director of Bethlehem Center (for Negroes) in Fort Worth, Texas. Dorothy Clark was a local MYF officer and Genessee Conference (N. Y.) MYF secretary; later her MSM at National College for Christian Workers sent her to work camp at Cookson, Okla., where she is "settled" at Cookson Hills Center among the Indians. Buford Farris was a local MYF president in San Antonio, Texas, and active in WF at the University of Texas. Now — Lucy Holt Moore Center in Nashville, Tenn.

64 commissioned for mission work

This is their witness . . . these three young persons and the other 61 pictured in the next few pages . . . that they have a deepening faith in Christ that challenges them to a full-time service in the mission field.

They received their commissions as deaconesses, or home missionaries, or to the foreign mission field, in ceremonies in Cincinnati last month, with most of the personnel of all of Methodism's boards and agencies looking on.

Six bishops participated in the ceremonies, and a dramatic presentation in several scenes portrayad for the hundreds of on-lookers their presence in mission fields the world around through the devoted service of just such as the 64 young people about to receive their commissions.

But only a fraction of their live's drama thus far was involved in that evening's activities. To each one, in some relatively unnoticed moment or hours, had come the conviction and the response that resulted in this public acceptance of a life role.

Fifteen (see page 8) young women have since begun service in other countries, under the auspices of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the General Board of Missions. Most of them are teachers and nurses, a few are social workers.

Also under the auspices of the Woman's Division, but in home fields, 14 young women and two men (see page 9) were commissioned deaconesses and home missionaries.

The largest group — 33 (see pages 10 and 11), including 16 married couples—will serve in other countries under the auspices of the Division of World Missions of the General Board of Missions.

Those going to the foreign mission field include doctors, nurses, engineers, an architect, teachers, a journalist, agriculturists, a hospital administrator and evangelists.

Why are they going? Each one has a different way of saying the answer; each one has a different background from the others. Some were formerly members of other denominations. But their witness is the same, and because it is, you may see that it does not depend on any given factor except within the heart. It could be yours.

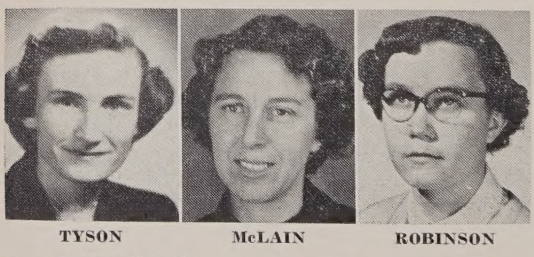
Service for one reason--to share a faith . . .

ALEXANDER O'NEAL MORRIS

DAIL GLEDHILL STEWART

BOZEMAN COOLEY LOOMIS

MEEK BELLINGER GILMORE



TYSON McLAIN ROBINSON

Woman's Division sends 15 abroad

These are the young women who have been newly-commissioned as foreign missionaries. Their schooling was obtained on many campuses, although most finished their preparation at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn.

Several will go to Japan, Korea and India—and the others will go singly into South America, Latin America, Africa and the Philippines.

These will do educational work in Japan:

Lucy Marie Dail of Clinton, Tenn.—Emory and Henry College, Hiwassee College, Scarritt.

Marie McLain of Grayville, Ala.—Pasadena College, Peabody College for Teachers, Scarritt.

Martha E. Meek of Frostburg, Md.—State Teachers College, University of Maryland, Scarritt.

Margaret Geneva Morris of Bland, Va.—Asbury College, Scarritt.

Two will be medical missionaries in Korea:

Vivian Gledhill of Stratford, Conn.—University of Rochester, Scarritt, Yale Institute of Far Eastern Languages.

Ruth C. Stewart of Lowville, N. Y.—University of Rochester, House of The Good Samaritan, Scarritt.

Two will go to India:

As an evangelistic missionary—Colleen Gilmore of Hattiesburg, Miss. — Mississippi Southern College, Scarritt.

As an educational missionary — Pearl M. Bellinger of Terre Haute, Ind. — Spelman College, Scarritt. She already has served three years in India, as an I-3 in the Fellowship of Christian Service.

Others will serve in these places:

South America—Patsy Ruth Alexander of Sterlington, La.

—Centenary College, Northwestern State, Northeast Jr. College, Scarritt. Educational.

Latin America—Thelma L. Cooley of Indianapolis, Ind.—Butler University, Scarritt. Educational.

Malaya — Helen Loomis of Burdett, N. Y.—George Washington University, Boston University School of Religious Education. Religious education.

Belgian Congo — Dorothy O'Neal of Elkins, W. Va.—Asbury College, University of Maryland, Scarritt. Medical.

North Africa — Mary Sue Robinson of New Albany, Miss. — Millsaps College. Social-evangelistic.

The Philippines—Dana Tyson of Portsmouth, Va. — Greensboro College, Scarritt. Rural evangelistic.

Home missions claim sixteen

Two young men were commissioned home missionaries, and 14 young women became deaconesses, all to serve under the Woman's Division.

These are their backgrounds and places of service:

Margaret Cecile Bess of Galveston, Texas—Wiley College, Gammon Theological Seminary. Mississippi Rural Center, Columbia, Miss.

Mary Elizabeth Bland of Dover, Ga.—Georgia Teachers College, Scarritt.

Betty Ethel Bowers of Avis, Pa.—National College. Della C. Lamb Neighborhood House, Kansas City, Mo.

Barbara Ellen Campbell of Olney, Ill.—Scarritt. Niedringhaus Memorial Methodist Church, Granite City, Ill.

Dorothy Mae Clark of Silver Lake, N. Y.—National College. Cookson Hills Center, Cookson, Okla.

Ella Virginia Courtney of Summit, Miss.—Millsaps College, Scarritt. North Georgia rural work.

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Some have served three years

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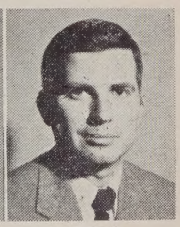

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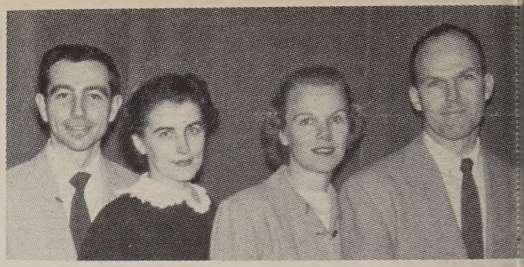
They offer skills in many fields . . .



. . . and anyone might answer the call. Don and Mary Collins, both former MYF advisers in Belmont, Iowa, will be agricultural leaders in the Belgian Congo. Bob and Betty Metcalf, Californians in recent years, offer architectural and secretarial skills in the Belgian Congo.

The 33 foreign missionaries commissioned for the Division of World Missions will take many types of experience with them in the name of Christ.

Their list of alma maters is too long to include in individual listings—Asbury, Garrett, Yale, Susquehanna, Hamline, Birmingham-Southern, Vanderbilt, Scarritt, Iowa State, Augustana, Hendrix, Perkins, Southern Methodist, Illinois Wesleyan, Iliff, Kennedy, Denver, Tulane, Texas, Tufts, Maine, Boston, Southwestern, Emory, California, Pasadena, Houghton, Candler, Indiana, Iowa, Hibbing, Kenyon, Oberlin, Rio Grande, William and Mary, Westhampton, Northwestern, Northwestern State of Louisiana.

Four couples will go Bolivia. They are the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Caufield of Gardendale and Holly Pond, Ala., evangelism and education; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook of DeKalb, Ill., and Hayward, Calif., agriculture, public health and social welfare; Dr. and Mrs. Bill Jack Marshall of Brady and Longview, Texas, medicine and religious education; and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil K. Tinder, Jr., of Richmond, Va., education.

Three couples are heading for Korea. They are the Rev. and Mrs. John P.

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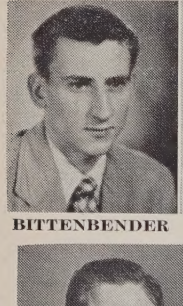

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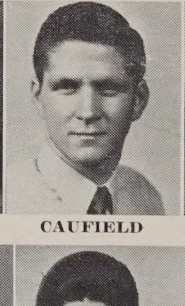

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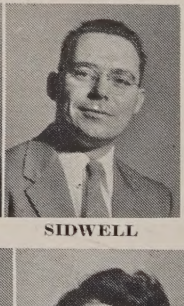

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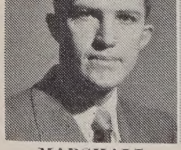

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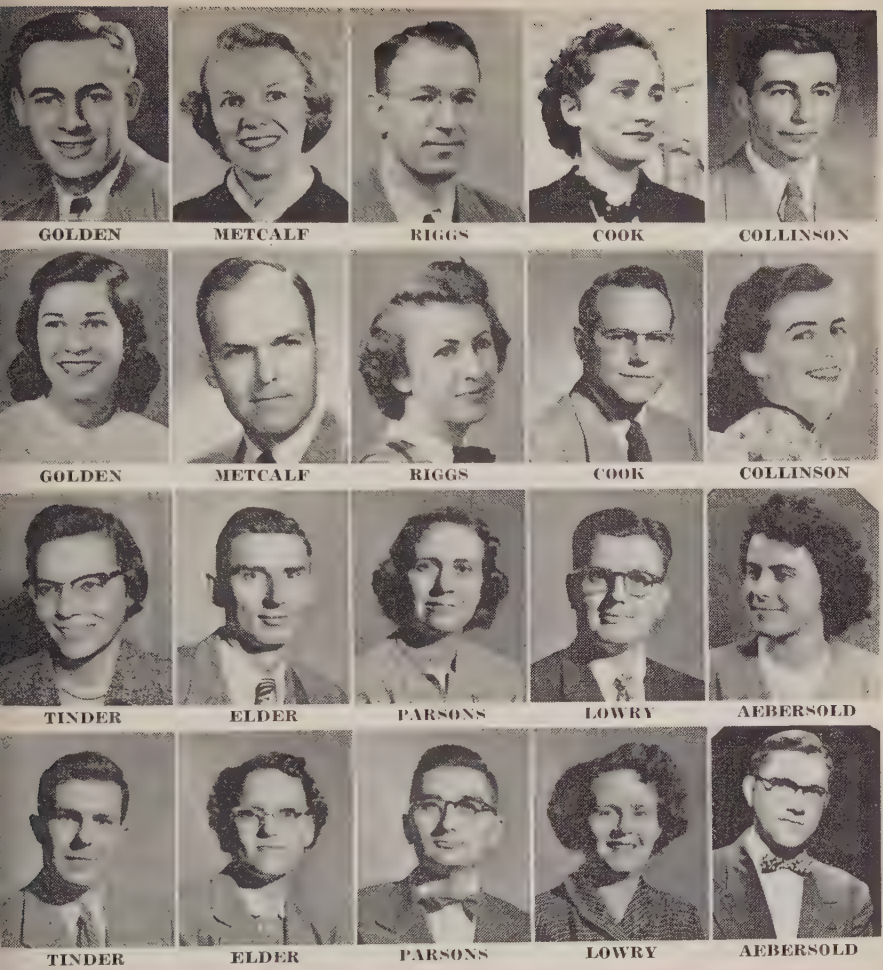


Aebersold of Anchorage, Ky., and Amanda, Ohio, evangelism and religious education; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riggs of Ames, Iowa, hospital administration and religious education; and the Rev. and Mrs. George L. Sidwell of Zanesville, Ohio, and Winston Salem, N. C., evangelism and religious education.

The Belgian Congo, in addition to having the two couples pictured at the top of page 10, will also have the Rev. and Mrs. Billy M. Starnes of Baxter and Sevierville, Tenn., evangelism and education.

Bound for service in Japan are the Rev. and Mrs. William M. Elder of Little Rock, Ark., and Amarillo, Texas, evangelism, and the Rev. and Mrs. Norman W. Parsons of Springville, N .Y., and Louisville, Ky., evangelism and education.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Bittenbender of Berwick, Pa., and Fergus Falls, Minn., evangelism and religious education, and the Rev. Carlos A. Welch of Natchitoches, La., a teacher, will be in India.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Golden of Rockford, Ill., and Norfolk, Va., will work in evangelism and religious education in Angola, Africa. In Liberia will be Mr. and Mrs. John F. Mader of Merrimacport, Mass., and Hartford, Conn., in engineering and education.

To South America will go the Rev. David Lowry and his wife, Dr. Mary Sue Hart Lowry, both of Austin. He will be an evangelist and she will continue her specialty of child medicine.

"Have you got something that won't give me cow-like complacency about the world? I want to be concerned, stimulated, stirred, worried."

(Interlandi in The Des Moines Register)

The Gospel of Peace

Our Christian churches have not capitalized on the New Testament Gospel of peace in this mid-Twentieth Century crisis. The churches are so interwoven in the social structure of the nation that in the cultural crisis confronting us they somehow have not been able to see the dangers and sins of society as objects for responsible action, a challenge to fearless leadership.

There is a "peace of mind" school of thought that enables many people to escape from the crisis of today's pressures and think good thoughts. **But they fail to interpret their own "peace of mind" in terms of its practical application to human relations.**

We cannot escape our personal, group and national responsibility to share in the world's suffering. The Gospel of peace is a Gospel of justice, freedom and brotherhood, a chance for economic security, and opportunities for educational and cultural development.

No person who seeks sincerely to practise the New Testament Gospel of peace can with good conscience fail to be concerned about:

- The use of atomic power for destructive purposes.
- The use of 40 billion dollars in the next fiscal year for proposed national security out of a total budget of 62 billion dollars.
- The increasing pressure for Universal Military Training.
- The fact that two-thirds of the world's population, including nearly 500,000,000 children are hungry and illiterate.
- The cry of the world's people for freedom everywhere . . . freedom from Communist totalitarianism, freedom from racial segregation and discrimination.

The road to peace is not an easy one. What can we do?

The United Nations has not been able to end the cold war or break the disarmament deadlock. This power resides in Washington and Moscow.

But the UN Disarmament Commission is at work. It created unanimously the "Atoms for Peace" plan. Our nation initiated it. The Gospel of peace has the power to still the hydrogen bomb.

We can make our voices heard in Washington in support of the United Nations and its agencies, including technical assistance programs.

February is "World Order" month—an opportunity for an all-out effort through churches to support forces at work for peace, keeping in mind the immediate and urgent task of keeping the peace, primarily a political action and the long range task of developing respect for human rights, raising living standards, increasing knowledge and building habits and processes of governing by consent.

These paragraphs are from a recent speech by Miss Thelma Stevens, **executive secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions.**

A sapling Japanese cherry tree was lanted recently on the grounds of the hurch of Good Shepherd in Arcadia, alif. The tree was a gift from The apanese International Christian Uniersity Foundation in New York to the lder Methodist Youth Fellowship, hose members raised $300 for a full cholarship at ICU. Shown here, l-to-r, re David Eggleston, sports director; atricia Dye, vice-president; the Rev. hatcher Jordan, minister of the hurch; Patricia Martin, president; and ichard Rouche, treasurer.

Extra copies of the Feb. 4 issue of CONCERN, with a four-page emphasis n the World's Student Christian Fedration, are still available. If your stulent group has yet to learn of its conection with W.S.C.F., send for Feb. 4 opies to CONCERN, Box 871, Nashille 2, Tenn. 5¢ copy.

Sterling Wheeler, retiring director of the Texas Methodist Student Movement, gets a good-by handshake from Bishop William C. Martin, watched by (l-to-r) Kay Moekley and J. M. Howard of TCU and James Watson and Nan Mann of TWC. The students are among new MSM board members for Fort Worth District. See story above.

MSM in action

Fort Worth district organizes MSM

A newly-organized board of directors for the Methodist Student Movement groups in the Fort Worth (Texas) district is expected to facilitate the work of student groups at Texas Wesleyan College and Texas Christian University and afford them closer support from Methodist churches.

Completion of its organization was the last official act of Sterling Wheeler, retiring Texas MSM director, before he became vice president of Southern Methodist University at Dallas.

The new board is authorized by the Interconference Commission on Methodist Student Work in Texas, which represents the boards of education of the annual conferences of the church in Texas. It will receive cooperation from district organizations and local churches engaged in educational work with students.

The purpose of the new organization is to supervise a program of Methodist student religious work on the campuses and to assist in the integration of students with the life of their local churches.

Mrs. Alice Wonders is director of the TWC MSM and the Rev. Cyril J. Roberts is director of the TCU MSM. Student members of the district MSM board are Nan Mann and James Watson, TWC, Bill Matthews and Kay Moekley, TCU, and J. M. Howard, TCU, board vice chairman.

Home missionaries

(Continued from page 9)

Memphis, Tenn.—Memphis State College, Scarritt. Texas rural work.

Martha Elizabeth Horne of LaRue, Ohio—Wittenberg College, Scarritt. Valley Institute, Pharr, Texas.

Ruby Frances Hudgins of Higginson, Ark.—Arkansas State Teachers College, Scarritt. West Tennessee rural work.

DeLaris Lee Johnson of Orangeburg, S. C.—South Carolina State College, Scarritt. Navajo Methodist Mission, Farmington, N. M.

Gene Elizabeth Maxwell of Williamsport, Pa.—Mansfield State Teachers College, Scarritt. West Wisconsin rural work.

Lora Mae Mort of Lansing, Mich.—Michigan State College, Scarritt.

Mary Louise Piper of Lawrenceville, Ill.—Eastern Illinois State College, Scarritt.

Jane Carroll Stentz of Concord, N. C.—Scarritt. Religious education, Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, N. C. Has given three years in India.

Buford E. Farris, Jr., of Nashville, Tenn.—University of Texas, University of Tennessee. Lucy Holt Moore Center, Nashville.

Robert E. Shrider of Gahanna, Ohio—Ohio State University, Scarritt. Bethlehem Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

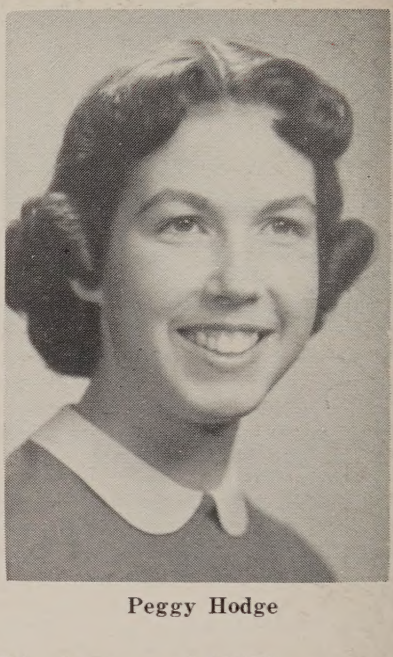
S. Carolina MYF's get together

Interracial fellowship began Jan. 10 for 60 Columbia, S. C., sub-district MYF members and a similar group from Wesley MYF in Columbia. They met for a recreational and devotional evening at Bethlehem Center, a Negro settlement house.

A moving picture, refreshments, buzz groups and worship period were included in the meeting, the first of its kind among youth in the area. The offering was donated to the work at the community center.

The report to CONCERN says the new relationship began in "a friendly and soul-satisfying manner," and adds that the young people feel that only in the church can a lasting harmony and understanding between races be achieved.

MYF in action



Peggy Hodge

Washington MYF'er wins writing honor

Peggy Hodge, senior in Snohomish (Wash.) high school and editor of *Conference Chatter*, Pacific Northwest Conference Methodist youth paper, has been named a finalist in nation-wide high school writing competition.

Peggy's editorial, "Is the UN Al Turmoil and Disagreement?" was one of five winning articles chosen by Quill and Scroll, international honorary society for high school journalists, in its December writing contest.

One of the five young writers will receive the 1955 President's scholarship of $500 from Quill and Scroll.

Peggy has been an MYF officer in local, sub-district, district and conference MYF's, and is advisor for the Junior High MYF in her church. She's an honor society girl, Thespian, reporter for the State Council of Churches' paper, and vocalist, including solo work. She also has been active in numerous other journalistic activities.

roy Conference youth ave new director

For the first time, Troy Conference N. Y.) youth have a full-time director -he is the Rev. Leonard N. Bass, rmer pastor at Beaver Falls, N. Y. There are 417 churches in the con- rence. Mr. Bass' headquarters will in Glens Falls, N. Y.

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lere's an expert ho makes sense

"Few things annoy me more than a lf-appointed expert telling me what ought to read," says Bishop Gerald ennedy of Los Angeles, Calif., one of merica's most active readers, in in- oducing the *Protestant Lenten Read- g List* he was asked to compile for e Religious Publishers Group in New ork.

He says his own choice of books ince I was old enough to spell out e words (was) unconfined, some- mes unrefined"—that the modern end of grading books for certain age vels "leaves me cold."

However, Bishop Kennedy's list of recently-published books, to which e sponsors added the two newest ones om his pen, is especially interesting his comments on the books are good ading in themselves.

We won't say you ought to read the oks, but we will say that regardless your age, if you are a "book worm" any degree at all you will probably nd Bishop Kennedy's list and com- ents worth reading. Available from eligious Publishers Group, 2 West th St., New York 36.

peaks Sunday r Brotherhood

Dr. Walter Van Kirk, Methodist nister outstanding for his work in e ecumenical movement and particu- ly in the national Council of Church- will be Brotherhood Week speaker Columbia Broadcasting System itions this coming Sunday.

You should check with your own local BS station for the broadcast time.

Forum

To CONCERN:

Thank you very much for your article about UMT! in the Jan. 21 issue.

We had a discussion in Sociology class about it. There were six members who had read the article and were in complete agreement with it. We put up several "good points," as our instructor put it. He was surprised and very glad to see our "source" of information.

I'm glad to see that N.C.M.Y. is going into action to support its views.

Kay Scranton
Plainview, Neb.

To CONCERN:

Thanks for your Jan. 21 issue of CONCERN and especially for the section on UMT! I hope you will make a reprint of this section, as it should have general distribution among our youth. It wouldn't hurt the adults to get these facts. Can you send me 50 copies of the issue so I can get these into the hands of all the pastors in the district?

I want to add a general word of commendation for CONCERN. For news and views with a Christian slant, you are the best. I admire your courage. We have nothing to fear from Methodism's Pink Fringe, but everything to fear from Methodism's Yellow Fringe.

Theodore C. Mayer
District Superintendent
Steubenville, Ohio

To CONCERN:

I thought your article, "Real Good Sports," which concerned Billy Ray Jennings, was tops. (Jan. 7 issue)

Perhaps I feel this way because I'm from Kentucky where Billy Ray is conference vice-president of the MYF.

Billy Ray was my leader in Christian Fellowship at youth assembly in 1953. Although I've never met him personally I think he is a great leader in placing Christ above all in our conference.

His witty manner combined with his deep spiritual concern for others is a rare trait. It makes me very happy that CONCERN is concerned about youth witnesses like him.

Lou Moore
Richmond, Ky.

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